

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated May 23, 2003, the time for responding having been extended by petition, Applicants cancel claims 2-10, and add claims 11-43 to further define the invention. Support for claims 11-43 may be found, among other locations, at paragraphs 0038-0040 and Figures 3, 4A and 4B of the published application (US 2002-0016527 A1).

The Examiner rejected claims 2-5 under 35 U.S.C. § 101 as claiming the same invention as that of claims 1-4 of U.S. Patent No. 6,331,157. Applicants have cancelled claims 2-5 and have added claims 11-43 to further define the invention. As a result, Applicants request that the rejection be withdrawn.

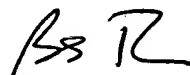
Applicants submit a fee sheet to pay for the additional claims and hereby grant permission to charge any additional, necessary fees during the course of the prosecution of this application to Applicant's deposit account no. 10-0750/HRT-0278/BST.

If the Examiner believes that a discussion of the pending claims would expedite the prosecution of this application, he is invited to contact the undersigned.

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